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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EFIN, TH
SUBJ: SIAM KRAFT PAPER COMPANY

REF: BANGKOK 19026

1. ECON COUNSELOR DISCUSSED SKPC CASE IN DEPTH WITH
MINISTER OF COMMERCE SUTHI NATWORATHAT EARLY MORNING
OF AUGUST 29. SUTHI EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR BRIEFING
AND SAID IT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN MORE TIMELY AS HE IS
ATTENDING A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF INVESTMENT, WHICH
WILL BE CHAIRED BY PRIME MINISTER THANIN, AFTERNOON
AUGUST 29.

2. SUTHI SPECULATED SUBJECT OF SIAM KRAFT WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY
BE ON BOI AGENDA BUT HE WOULD NOW DEFINITELY RAISE MATTER
HIMSELF. IT WAS OBVIOUSLY IN THE RTG'S INTEREST TO
LIGHTEN THE COMPANY'S BURDEN AND THE GOVERNMENT WOULD
HAVE TO CONSIDER AMELIORATIVE ACTIONS WHILE NOT IMPINGING
ON COURT'S PREROGATIVES.

3. ECON COUSELOR EMPHASIZED OF RTG
ACTING QUICKLY TO COUNTER ADVERSE PUBLICITY WHICH
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COULD ONLY SERVE TO DISCOURAGE OTHER INVESTORS. SUTHI
AGREED AND REITERATED HE WOULD URGE RTG ACTION DURING
BOI MEETING.

4. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT MINISTER SUTHI IS CLOSE
PERSONAL FRIEND OF PRIME MINISTER THANIN, HAVING KNOWN
HIM SINCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DAYS.

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